

## PRIVATE FIRMS MUST REDUCE COAL SUPPLY

Fuel Administration Prepares Economy Order for Non-Military Concerns.

A national coal budget is being made by the United States Fuel Administration, and every industry not connected with the war is down for a cut this year, the Fuel Administration announced last night.

Committees representing the non-essential industries will be called into conference with the Fuel Administration, and they will be expected to arrange their own voluntary curtailment after seeing what amount of coal will be available.

The administration already has set the limit of the export coal as less than last year, the amount for war purposes and domestic use has been determined, and the non-essential producers must divide what is left this year.

There will not be any "stealing" of coal from domestic consumers or from any other coal pile to supplement the curtailed supply to the non-essential industry. The administration's zone system of production and distribution will check all shipments from source to delivery. Control will be effected by predetermined allotment.

**Seek Co-operation.**  
Manufacturers whose products are classified as not absolutely necessary to the conduct of the war will be asked to patriotic grounds, as well as for their own future interests, to volunteer in behalf of their respective industries a reduction in fuel or power for 1918.

The voluntary annual saving shown by the first dozen industries called into conference promises to be between 15,000,000 and 20,000,000 tons. The total offering, from all non-war industries, will be at least 35,000,000 tons and probably will reach 50,000,000 tons for the year.

The brewing industry has given up of the idea of making money out of the voluntary curtailment scheme. Representatives of the American Brewers' Association and others affiliated with the industry last week conferred with the Fuel Administration.

## CROSS, FEVERISH CHILD IS BILIOUS OR CONSTIPATED

Look, Mother! If Tongue Is Coated Give "California Syrup of Figs."

Every mother realizes, after giving her children "California Syrup of Figs," that this is their ideal laxative, because they love its pleasant taste and it thoroughly cleanses the tender little stomach, liver and bowels without straining.

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## QUEER QUIRKS IN THE NEWS

Three hours after cutting out appendix of patient, Hackensack doctor had to have his own removed.  
"No fire, no water, no heat, no coal, no shirt—call again!" sign on Greenwich Village laundry.  
Baseballs and bats barred from Italy as "useless toys."  
Taught fifty-two years in one schoolhouse, so Yonkers woman has decided it is time to retire.  
Postoffice safe "frozen up" four days at Mount Kisco, and natives had to buy stamps in other villages.  
All German books piled in heap and burned in Milford, Neb., school by person who broke in at night.  
Kentucky distillery, worth \$200,000 year ago, sold at auction for \$19,000.  
One-bath-a-week move started in Lynn, Mass., to reduce consumption of hot water and save coal.  
"Sparrow pot pie" popular in Clayton, N. J., where one woman made pie containing 200 birds.

## Aviators Given to Racy Slang That is Peculiar to Their Craft

Airmen on the Western front have invented a racy slang of their own. Some of these newly coined words have the true American flavor. For instance, there is "hickbo." This word means that enemy aircraft are somewhere about. Thus, a "hickbo" is on, when Teuton Zeppelins or airplanes are making ready for an attack and must be repelled. The word is a modification of the Indian word meaning eagle.

"Zepp-strading" is self-explanatory. This was added to the aviator's vernacular in the early days of the war, when the unwieldy Zeppelins were a favorite quarry of the allied airmen.

This sport gave rise to another word, "spike-bozzle." You may guess the meaning of this, flavored verb by the following quotation from the account of a Zeppelin chase: "Two machines went up to spike-bozzle him." That's clear enough, isn't it?

"Bus" is the correct flying corps slang for an aeroplane. Flight sounds a bit too conventional to this crowd; they want something snappier, so you will hear them referring to a little "fip." But not even the literary can find fault with the term "take the air," which means that the aviator has headed his machine into the sky.

"Airmen," by the way, is the only way in which the flying corps refer to themselves. "Birdman," "sky pilot" and "aviator" are not in favor with the flyers.

Some of this argot of the air has been administered and volunteered a reduction of 700,000 annually.

The Fuel Administration's budget coal scheme, the announcement says, is expected to balance automatically the production and consumption of coal and prevent any repetition of the present shortage, and it has the advantage of being arranged voluntarily by the very industries it will restrict.

The budget carries no threat of elimination of industry. The percentage of reduction will vary with each business, but will be based on what will be a safe shrinkage for that industry. The Fuel Administration contemplates no action except the extension of a patriotic agreement throughout the affected industry, backed by the authority of the Lever law.

## THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDS SLOWLY

There is a lot of difference between foreclosing on the old homestead and foreclosing on a big building, especially when offices are scarce as the proverbial "hen's teeth" and there is a legal muddle floating around that involves a mortgage of \$100,000 and the occupancy of a ground floor such as the W. B. & A. Railway Company holds in the Bond Building.

By a decision of the Appellate Court, just handed down, foreclosure proceedings brought by the New York Life Insurance Company are to proceed, regardless of the fact that the railway company has a lease that runs until 1921.

The new decree provides that a mortgagor is entitled to have the security sold free from encumbrances such as was the W. B. & A. lease on the Bond Building offices, made subsequent to the recording of his mortgage.

**D. & R. G. Loses \$36,000,000 Suit.**  
Denver, Colo., Jan. 8.—A judgment for \$36,000,000, to enforce a judgment for a similar amount awarded in the United States court for the Southern district of New York, has been returned in Federal district court here against the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad Company in favor of the Equitable Trust Company of New York.

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## WANTS U. S. TO TAKE OVER C. & O. CANAL

Representative Moore Suggests Plan for Ownership of Waterways.

A resolution presented in the House yesterday by Representative J. Hampton Moore, president of the Atlantic Waterways Association, provides for the President to take over the control of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal and its improvement for purposes of national defense.

The preamble of the resolution recites that the acquisition and operation of the canal by the government would relieve congestion upon the railroads and enable the government to meet its own requirements at the Capital and vicinity, and at the same time assure the people of an adequate supply of coal for industrial and domestic uses.

A bill along similar lines was also introduced in the House by Representative Frederick N. Zihlman, whose home is at Cumberland, in the heart of coal fields having a yearly production of 2,000,000 tons of coal a year. It provides \$1,000,000 as a revolving fund for the improvement and proper equipment of the canal and other necessary expenditures. Under its terms the government would have complete control of the canal for the period of the war, and an average net income for three years is guaranteed the owners of the canal, similar to the recommendation made by the President in taking over the railroads.

## CLAIM N. Y. VOTES ON SUFFRAGE BILL

A caucus of New York Republicans last night decided to vote and work for the national woman suffrage amendment.

Representative Platt, however, announced his continued opposition and was not to be won by the action. Representative L. Fairchild is still noncommittal.

Suffrage headquarters declared this is the first of a series of meetings which will result in practically a solid Republican vote for the amendment.

While New York Democrats have taken no action as a body, members have been urged by their organization leaders to fall in line.

To Prevent the Grip.  
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## M'ADOO URGES RAILROAD MEN TO BE LOYAL

Asks Renewed Energy in Moving Freight and Helping Win War.

Shortage of labor, failure of crews to show up for runs and desire to assure employees that there will be no recklessness looting off of positions, impelled Director General McAdoo yesterday to send an appeal to the men to apply themselves with new energy toward moving freight and clearing the roads for the prosecution of the war.

"Upon the railroads rests a grave responsibility for the success of the war," he said. "The railroads cannot be efficiently operated without the whole-hearted and loyal support of every one in the service from the highest to the lowest."

"Every effort will be made to deal with employees' problems justly and fairly and at the earliest possible moment."

The first financial tangle was straightened out yesterday. The Equitable Trust Company and the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad Company were involved. The Equitable had obtained a judgment against the road for about \$3,000,000. Attachments had been levied on approximately \$2,000,000 in New York and Chicago.

John Barton Payne, counsel for the railroad administration, met C. A. DeGersdorff, of the Missouri Pacific; Alvin W. Krech, president of the Equitable Trust, and trustees of the Western Pacific first mortgage bond; George W. Murrell, counsel of the Equitable; B. F. Bush, president of the Missouri Pacific and a stockholder of the Denver and Rio Grande; John F. Bowls, counsel for the Western Pacific Corporation and Western Pacific, and A. J. Shores, counsel for the Denver and Rio Grande.

Counsel for the Equitable were willing to release sufficient funds to give the road a working capital, but wanted a lien on about \$2,000,000, and also desired that the interest maturing January 1, partly paid, should be fully paid, and that the interest on bonds and interest maturing February 1 should be paid; but insisted that funds for improvement of the road should be secured ahead of all bonds except underlying issues.

Both sides agreed to come together on some arrangement which probably would make an immediate application for receivership unnecessary but failing this a receivership would be arranged for and application made to the Director General for his consent to the appointment of a receiver.

The Duke of Devonshire, governor general of Canada, arrived in Washington last night and will confer with President Wilson today.

Accompanied by the Duchess of Devonshire, his party included Col. Henderson, his military secretary, Capt. Bulkeley Johnson, military aide and Capt. Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, British Ambassador, Lady Spring-Rice, and the son of the Ambassador, who is secretary of the embassy.

Col. Ridgeley, military aide of the President, welcomed the party in the name of the President. The car of the President carried them to the British Embassy.

The party left their train and, guarded on all sides by police and detectives, passed through the President's entrance of the station to the waiting automobiles and were taken to the embassy.

**KULTUR GETS WALLOP  
FROM TRADE BOARD**  
"Crude Nastiness of German" Periodicals Held Undesirable.

German "kultur" was denied in the ribs yesterday by the Federal Trade Commission.

Clifton Harby Levy, of New York, agent for German periodicals, asked license to "cover many copyrights already issued and to be registered after the war."

He said it was of public benefit because many publishers of magazines, newspapers and books desired to reproduce the pictures and articles.

"A short answer to this position," says the commission, "is that there is no necessity for American publishers to use this material. Anyone is familiar with the character of modern German periodical literature, diverting as it may be to those whose tastes run to such matter, may well doubt if its circulation in this country is for the public welfare."

"Without being Comstockian, it is safe to say that the less we have of it, the better."

"There is enough such stuff in our own magazines without adding to it the crude nastiness of the Germans."

**CHAMBERLAIN GIVEN  
LIFE TERM AS SLAYER**  
Physician Accused of Killing Brother Convicted in Virginia.

Goochland, Va., Jan. 8.—Dr. Asa W. Chamberlain, physician, charged with the murder of his brother, Albert P. Chamberlain, a former lawyer of Des Moines, Iowa, was found guilty at 10:15 o'clock this morning and was given a life sentence.

Counsel for the defendant moved that the verdict be set aside on the ground of being contrary to law and evidence and misdirection of the court. The jury was out forty-eight minutes this morning.

The case went to the jury late last night.

**HUNS EAT "PHONY" EGGS.**  
Amsterdam, Jan. 8.—Ten thousand substitute food articles have been introduced into Germany since the war, according to a statement made in the Berlin newspapers by Prof. Jockemack, a prominent German food expert. He mentions as the most striking examples of successful substitution the following: Artificial butter, eggs, salad oil, honey, milk, coffee, tea, sugar, tobacco, fish, sausage, cheese and caviar.



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## Woman, Seeking Divorce, Says She Was 'Locked Out'

Charging desertion and non-support, Helen Romer filed suit for limited divorce yesterday in the District Supreme Court against Frank Romer.

The couple were married in February, 1914, and lived together, the petition states, until last October, when the wife alleges she was locked out. Attorneys Coladay and Barger appear for her.

## TEACH MUSIC TO SOLDIERS.

The value of music in the training of the soldier will be emphasized at the first annual conference of the thirty-five song leaders to be held here in the early part of February. These workers are connected with the commission on training camp activities.

## They're From Missouri; Schmids Would Be Smiths

Oliver Herman Schmid and his brother, Henry Andrew Schmid, asked the District Supreme Court yesterday to change their last name to Smith.

Both are from Missouri. Schmid, as in less cultured sprang, means blacksmith. The petitions say, "because of its (the name's) origin it has raised and may raise in the future in the minds of the industriously curious and skeptical, questions as to the loyalty of its possessor to the land of his birth and protection."

## ORDERED TO NEW HOSPITAL.

Maj. Glenn I. Jones, of the Medical Corps, and Capt. Ralph E. Irwin, of the Sanitary Corps, have been ordered to Edgewood, Md., for duty in connection with the construction of the army hospital to be established at that point.



## Fatimas in France

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(Extract from a letter from L. A. Callier, Par B.C.M., an American ambulance driver with the French army.)

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